

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through August 11th, 2015

**DeSoto Public Library  
Presents**

## **“Clearing Your Criminal Record”**



**Where:**

**DeSoto Public Library**

**When: Wednesday,  
August 5, 2015**

**Time: 6pm — 7:30pm**

**MS. IFY SEALES  
DALLAS ATTORNEY**

One in four Americans has a criminal record, which can prevent them from leading normal lives. The past doesn't have to haunt the future. This seminar will offer information on the expungement/non-disclosure process, including: eligibility; what records are subject to expungement/non-disclosure; how to file for a petition for expungement/non-disclosure; and what to expect if you represent yourself.

Ms. Seales is a criminal and immigration attorney who has devoted her career to empowering people with the hope and knowledge they need when faced with a daunting legal issue. Ms. Seales received her J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law and has been a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney and a Dallas County Public Defender. Ms. Seales dedicates her spare time helping educate individuals with their legal rights and hosting free legal seminars throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth community.

---

This program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. For more information contact the Information Desk at 972-230-9661



# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through August 11th, 2015



## Public Hearing

Join us for the Public Hearings  
Prior to Adoption of the  
**City of DeSoto 2015 Comprehensive Plan**

**At The Planning & Zoning Meeting  
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7 pm or  
At the City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7 pm**

At the Jim Baugh Government Center  
City Council Chambers  
211 E. Pleasant Run Road

The City's Comprehensive Plan is a document that is used to guide land use and development and outlines a shared vision of what residents and policy makers want the community to become. It undergoes periodic revision to allow it to keep pace with the community. The presentation of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan at these Public Hearings, is the culmination of a year long project to gather public input through Steering Committee meetings and other public meetings incorporating this input into the final plan. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to capture a vision of what DeSoto can become and is a long-range statement of the City's public policy. The public is invited to attend these meetings prior to adoption of the plan by the DeSoto City Council on September 15, 2015.

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through August 11th, 2015

## DeSoto Public Library Helps Make Lives Better!



DeSoto Public Library customers have access to the Learning Express/Learnatest Library. The Learning Express Library offers access to study exams for professions and education, study skills, job hunting and career tools.

- ♦ **Computer Skills** — watch video tutorials to learn computer and Internet basics, etc.
- ♦ **Job and Career Accelerator** — explore careers, search for jobs, create resumes and cover letters, etc.
- ♦ **Adult Learning Center** — improve skills in math, reading, writing and citizenship.
- ♦ **Career Center** — prepare for career exams (allied health professions, military, real estate, police, EMT, CDL, etc.) and improve workplace skills, etc.
- ♦ **School Center** — prepare elementary, middle school, and high school students to take tests, get help for assignments, and boost core subject skills.
- ♦ **Resources in Spanish** — find resources for adults in Spanish.
- ♦ **College Center** — strengthen academic skills, prepare for placement tests and graduate school entrance exams.
- ♦ **High School Equivalency** — prepare for the GED, HiSET, and TASC tests.

**Learning Express/Learnatest is easy and free**  
(DeSoto Public Library pays the fee).

Ligon to the library's webpage: [www.desototexas.gov/library](http://www.desototexas.gov/library). Click on the purple "Research Database" button and then click on the Texashare or Texas State Library Databases. To use the databases on a computer outside the library, call the library's Information Desk at 972.230.9661 for the login and password. Find Learning Express/Learnatest on the list of databases and set up an account using your email address and a password you create.

**You're all set to explore all the database can offer to help you achieve more at school, at work and at home.**



# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through August 11th, 2015

## **The DeSoto Public Library is Now Offering Mobile Printing**

The DeSoto Public Library is now offering mobile printing. You can now print from your home desktop or laptop computer using the library's mobile print link. This link can be found on the Library's home page. You can also download the PrinterOn app and print from your smart device. If you have any questions, call the library at 972-230-9656.



# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through Aug. 11th, 2015



*"Connecting Neighbors!"*

## ***Do you feel connected to the DeSoto Community?***

*If you'd like to participate in this important community conversation, please take this as a personal invitation to attend our next free DeSoto Dining and Dialogue dinner event on September 12, 2015. Adults who live or work in DeSoto and care about our community are encouraged to attend. Resident high school students and their parents are also welcome to attend and will receive five hours of Community Service Credit. As a guest, all you have to do is attend and join in on the discussion. Repeat guests are also welcome. Please register your attendance at [www.desotodd.org](http://www.desotodd.org) before August 28th.*

***This free dinner event will take place at  
the Seven Essential Elements Event  
Center located at 2021 N. Hampton  
Road in DeSoto.***

### **Dinner Discussion Topic:**

#### **Race Relations – A Community Conversation**

The DeSoto Dining and Dialogue program was organized as a means to have a community conversation about race. The DeSoto community offers beautiful homes, rolling hills, great neighborhoods and diverse people. However, like most American cities, DeSoto is at risk of succumbing to the cultural and racial divide that often separates us. Thus in 2004, DeSoto Dining and Dialogue was created specifically to address race by bringing together individuals to discuss this issue on a personal level. In fact, this program was a key reason that our City received the All-America City award. At our next dinner, we will broaden the discussion to include our police department, faith community and school district. Representatives from these areas will lead a targeted discussion on race relations in DeSoto, and we invite you to attend. This event will be:

***Saturday, September 12, 2015***

***6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.***

For more information and to register go to: [www.desotodd.org](http://www.desotodd.org)

**or call Kathy Jones at**

**972-230-9648**

**The deadline to register to attend the free dinner event is August 28th!**

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is a volunteer-run organization that provides individuals of all ages, who live or work in DeSoto, the opportunity to get to know one another at private dinner events. These dinners are held twice a year in private homes around DeSoto. The discussion is led by a trained facilitator who guides participants through questions designed to elicit thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community. DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is primarily successful because families are willing to host a dinner for a diverse group of citizens in their homes at their own expense. Facilitators and other volunteers willingly give of their time and expertise because they believe in the program. However, we need continuing community participation to keep the program strong. Join us in building a strong community. Please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone who lives and/or works in DeSoto!

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th,  
through August 11th, 2015

DeSoto Library Presents

## Meet the Author

Local Author

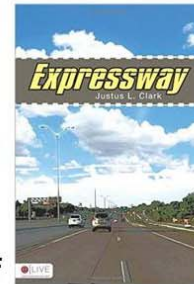
### Justus Clark

**What:** Book Signing &  
Book Sale

**When:** Saturday,  
August 29, 2015  
1pm—3pm

**Where:** DeSoto Public  
Library Lobby

All are invited to meet  
Justus Clark, poet,  
and author of  
**Expressway**,  
a book of poetry.  
Justus is a native of  
Dallas, Texas, and  
he began writing  
poetry at the age of  
eight.



A seventh-grade honor student at A.W. Brown Leadership Academy, Justus believes that it is wonderful to use your imagination. His favorite poets are Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes. Justus loves reading, writing, music, and swimming. His life experiences and rap music influence his writing. He desires to send a message to all young people. He believes that expressing your thoughts and feelings is good for your health and soul. Justus wants to become a marine biologist and writer.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and autographing



For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9661



# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through August 11th, 2015



825 W. WINTERGREEN ROAD - DESOTO, TEXAS 75115



REGISTRATION  
7:30 AM

SHOTGUN START  
9:00 AM

LUNCH & AWARDS  
1:30 PM

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through August 11th, 2015

**EBB&FLOW**  
CHICAGO STYLE STEPPERS

**NIGHT**  
7:00PM-9:30PM

**TUES**  
**THURS**

**STEPPERS**  
**CLASS**

**\$5**



INSTRUCTORS  
TONY KYLES VEE HUDSON

DESOTO RECREATION CENTER  
211 E. PLEASANT RUN  
DESOTO, TX 75115  
[www.ebbandflowsteppin.com](http://www.ebbandflowsteppin.com)  
TONY KYLES 214-229-1170



# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 4th  
through August 11th, 2015

## Mosquito Dunks Are Available at City Hall

The City of DeSoto is partnering with the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department to address the problem of treating the breeding sites of mosquitos that may carry the West Nile Virus. Dallas County HHS has provided the City with an ample supply of mosquito dunks to distribute to residents. DeSoto residents can pick up these “dunks”, free of charge, at the City of DeSoto Action Center, located in Jim Baugh Government Center at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road. Residents will receive a pack of two per person, while supplies last.

These mosquito dunks float on the surface of water and will keep working for 30 days or longer. While floating, they release long-term mosquito larvacide at the water’s surface where it is eaten by growing mosquito larvae. One dunk can treat up to 100 sq. ft. of stagnant water. Mosquitos that carry WNV breed in places where stagnant water accumulates such as drainage ditches, stagnant swimming pools, bird baths, plant containers and old tires. Contact the DeSoto Environmental Health Specialist if you have WNV questions at 972.230.9600, or visit the DCHHS website at: <http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/hhs/home.html>.

